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SUBJ: OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER CRITICIZES POLICY OF
DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

1. IN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN APR ISSUE OF LE DEMOCRATE,
PARTY ORGAN OF OPPOSITION PARTI DEMOCRATIQUE SENEGALAISE
(PDS), PDS LEADER ABDOULAYE WADE EXPRESSES DOUBTS ABOUT
POLICY OF CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA BEING CARRIED OUT BY
IVORY COAST, LIBERIA, CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. AND
SENEGAL. ACCORDING TO WADE, THOSE INVOLVED WITH THESE
CONTACTS DO NOT REALIZE "THEY ARE PLAYING INTO HANDS OF
SECRETARY KISSINGER, "WHOSE SUBTLE PLOTS ARE DIRECTED
AGAINST AFRICA".

2. KISSINGER, WADE CHARGES, IS MOUNTING THREE-PRONGED
ATTACK AGAINST AFRICA. FIRST, HE IS TRYING TO BRING
ABOUT LEGITIMIZATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME
AND ITS RACIAL POLICIES, WHICH EXPLAINS EXILE OF
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AMB. EASUM. SECOND, HE IS TRYING TO SPLIT OAU BY

SETTING READICALS AGAINST MODERATES. THIRD, BY NOMINATING ASST. SEC DAVIS, HE IS TRYING TO "REDUCE TO ZERO" REGIMES WHICH ARE "TOO AFRICAN".

3. WADE CONCLUDES THAT POLICIES OF DIALOGUE, INCLUDING BY IMPLICATION PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S , NOT ONLY DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OFFENSIVE AGAINST AFRICA WHICH IS HIDDEN BEHIND SOUTH AFRICAN CASE, BUT IGNORE FACT THAT VORSTER HAS NEVER SHOWN HIMSELF AMENABLE TO CHANGE WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE FEW SENEGALESE WILL GIVE CREDENCE TO WADE'S CHARGES THAT SEC. KISSINGER BEHIND AFRICAN CONTACTS WITH VORSTER, WE BELIEVE WADE'S QUESTIONING OF SENGHOR'S CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICANS WILL STRIKE RESPONSIVE CHORD WITH SOME SEGMENTS SENEGALESE PUBLIC OPINION. WE ALSO HAVE INDICATIONS THAT SENGHOR'S POLICY OF REASONING WITH VORSTER AND PROMOTING SUCH CONTACTS AS PLANNED VISIT OF SENEGALESE JURISTS TO SOUTH AFRICA (DAKAR 1541) HAS OPPONENTS WITHIN GOVT. INDIAN AND AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADORS BELIEVE BOTH FONMIN ASSANE SECK AND HIS CABINET DIR. YOUSSEPH SYLLA FEEL SENGHOR HAS GONE TOO FAR DOWN MODERATE ROAD AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO SLOW HIS INITIATIVES TOWARD SAG. PDS CRITICISM AND INTERNAL OPPOSITION WITHIN GOVT ARE NOT LIKELY TO PRECLUDE FURTHER INITIATIVES BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR BUT MIGHT IMPOSE CONSTRAINTS ON HIS FREEDOM OF ACTION. AGGREY

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